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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
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1. AS DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE ALREADY SEEN VIA FBIS, UCR LEGISLATORS SOLARI IRIGOYEN AND AMAYA WERE "FREED" AUG 30 IN RIO NEGRO. ACCORDING TO THE TELAM RELEASE, THEY WERE FREED WHEN THE CAR IN WHICH THEY WERE BEING TRANSPORTED BY UNKNOWN PERSONS WAS STOPPED AT A POLICE CHECKPOINT. THE DRIVERS OF THE CAR REPORTEDLY EXCHANGED FIRE WITH POLICE, DUMPING SOLARI IRIGOYEN AND AMAYA BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND SPED OFF.

2. SINCE IT HAD BECOME GENERALLY KNOWN THAT THE TWO WERE IN FACT IN THE CUSTODY OF THE AUTHORITIES, THIS SHOOTOUT AND EXCAPE LOOKS TO MOST OBSERVERS LIKE A PUT-UP JOB THROUGH WHICH THE SECURITY FORCES GOT THE TWO LEGISLATORS OFF THEIR HANDS WITHOUT HAVING TO PUBLICLY ADMIT THAT THEY HAD EVER BEEN IN CUSTODY.

3. EMBOFFS WILL BE SEEING FRIENDS OF THE TWOMEN DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND WILL REPORT THEIR VERSIONS OF THE STORY AND HOPEFULLY COMMENTS THEY MAY HAVE RECEIVED FROM SOLARI IRIGOYEN AND AMAYA THEMSELVES.

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